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- A. There were two garrisons of People's Police and one of Border Police in Leipzig. Each People's Police Kaserne was filled to capacity with four thousand to five thousand troops each. No tanks or artillery were observed in the hands of the People's Police. Most of their vehicles and weapons were of German origin. The troops were observed marching and appeared much better at drill than Soviet troops. The number of Soviet advisors is unknown. The Border Police were being trained by numerous Soviet advisors. Training with dogs was observed. The People's Police have a great number of volunteers because there is excessive unemployment in and around Leipzig, and membership in the police gives security (food, clothing, shelter and pay). Several of my good factory workers left for the People's Police because of the better conditions.

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Soviet officials in Leipzig said the Germans would fight and East German units could be turned into armored units in a very short time due to the high percentage of World War II veterans. The discipline of the People's Police was far stricter than the Soviet Army and even the World War II German Army. The Soviets are reviving Prussianism in songs, marches, etc. and the youths are enthusiastic, therefore becoming fanatics. There is more political indoctrination in the People's Police than in the Soviet

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Army. At present, high Soviet officials believe the People's Police can be counted on for police duties (internal security).

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An unknown number of East Germans are sent to the USSR for training in intermediate-level schools.

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